

Italy

Advising Center Profile

Services available at the Fulbright EducationUSA advising centers in Rome, Milan, Naples, and Palermo include one-on-one advising, group advising, library access, outreach activities at local universities, and education fairs throughout the year, as well as advising web-chats. In addition, the Rome office conducts group advising to prospective Fulbright candidates. The Fulbright Commission attracts intensive media attention and has a permanent press section on its website.

Recent Trends: US Study 3.7%

- ▶ Decline in the number of in-person center visitors and increase in the number of e-mail requests and hits on the Commission website.
- ▶ Interest in studying in the US registered a slight decline due to the Bologna process and the attractive mobility schemes within Europe. High tuition costs at US institutions and the limited number of scholarships for Italian students to study in the US are additional barriers.
- ▶ Increasing number of inquiries related to the equivalency of Italian degrees in the US, especially regarding the 3-year Bologna compliant degrees.
- ▶ Italians seem very interested in exploring working opportunities in the US.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: communication, law, business, science and technology.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: soccer and basketball.

Resource Links

Italy-US Fulbright Commission: www.fulbright.it/USA/ItalyGuide.asp
Ministry of Education, University and Research: www.study-in-italy.it

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Italian	Italian
Years of study required:	Minimum 3/5 years	Minimum 3 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	Contact the Educational Advisers for information	
Scholarship for US studies:	Scholarships are partial and very limited	Fulbright Scholarships and other limited sources of funding for the graduate level

Upcoming Events 2008-2009

A series of events for the 60th Anniversary of the Fulbright Program in Italy are being planned by the Fulbright Commission Board.

Partnering with EducationUSA Italy

US international education experts are welcome to contact the educational advisers in Italy to discuss specific project ideas for 2008/09.

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Program Highlights 2007

"Go Beyond" Study USA Fair, May 26, 2007

In collaboration with the US Commercial Service and US Consulate Florence, Milan EducationUSA Adviser Jeannette Law and Fulbright Commission Program Officer Barbara Pizzella took part in a US University Fair in Florence. The event included an information session about Fulbright Scholarships, as well as direct counseling with participants.



EducationUSA in the Media

As a follow up to the Study USA Fair, Senior Counselor Isabella Lanciotti served as a panelist in a television talk show titled "Fourth Millennium", promoting education in the US. Other panelists included Florence Consul General Nora Dempsey and a representative of the University of Florence. The two-hour show outlined practical information for Italians interested in studying in the US and an exchange of experiences between students about education abroad.

Technology in Advising: Webchat

On November 15, 2007, Rome and Milan EducationUSA advisers participated in a "Face to Face" web chat on Study in the USA. The event was organized by the US Embassy, and conducted by Cultural Attaché Mark Smith. The two advisers answered the questions of Italian students and researchers related to various study opportunities in the US.

Student Testimonials are posted on the Fulbright Commission's website:
www.fulbright.it/fulbright_testimonials.asp



Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy
- ▶ Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ▶ Italian Ministry of Education
- ▶ Italian Universities

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	3,224	3,342
Total number of center inquiries:	8,720	9,300